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**GOVERNOR BARBOUR ANNOUNCES RECIPIENTS OF
PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN
MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE TEACHING**

Jackson, Mississippi - Governor Haley Barbour announces that elementary school teachers Amy Ellis, of the Starkville School District, and Jeanette Simmons, of the Pontotoc County School District, have been selected to receive the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

Jerzy R. Leszczynski from Jackson State University also received this award for his assistance as a mentor.

"The contributions these teachers have made to the educational system in Mississippi are tremendous. I applaud them for educating our youth and receiving this national award," Governor Barbour said.

The program acknowledges individuals and organizations who help students learn about mathematics and science. The recipients will receive awards at the White House ceremony in the fall along with \$10,000 from the National Science Foundation to advance mentoring efforts.

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